



**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**Ministry of Finance**

*Media statement – Inauguration of the PPP Committee*

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**Minister of Finance**

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*Distinguished Members of the Media;*

*Ladies and gentlemen;*

The Ministry of Finance and I, extend cordial words of welcome to you all. We thank you, for having responded positively to our invitation, to attend today's press conference.

The main objective of today's press conference is: to publicly announce the names and introduce the persons who have been appointed as Members of the PPP Committee under the Ministry of Finance.

I am happy to inform you that, in line with the PPP Act, Act No. 4 of 2017 – I am empowered to appoint members of the PPP Committee. The appointments were done following an open, fair and transparent process which saw a public invitation, interview process.

The PPP Committee consists of seven (7) members comprised of one senior staff member from the Ministry of Finance, who is the chairperson and such other persons, who are suitably qualified, fit and proper persons, having knowledge and experience relevant to the functions of the PPP Committee. The appointment of the members of the PPP Committee is for a period of three years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2018.

This PPP Committee shall mainly be responsible for appraising documentations at various stages of a PPP project's lifecycle and opine on 'transaction approvals' in line with provisions of the PPP Act. Additionally, the PPP Committee will advise the Minister on policies relating to PPPs.

After a fairly detailed recruitment process which saw a receipt of over 60 applications from the public – to form part of the PPP Committee. The Ministry of Finance shortlisted 12 applicants who met both the academic and experience requirements - based on the number of years of experience in various disciplines ranging from PPPs, Infrastructure projects, policy formulation, planning and appraisal of large infrastructure projects and procurement in general. A Selection Committee was established comprising of members from the public and private sector - to interview and recommend to the Minister of Finance, the members of the PPP Committee. The appointment of the PPP committee was also approved and endorsed by the Cabinet Committee on Overall Policy and Priorities and Cabinet respectively.

Following this process, I am happy to inform you that the following persons have been appointed to the PPP Committee for a term of three (3) years:

1. Ms. Ally Angula - Chairperson
2. Ms. Hellen Amupolo
3. Ms. Nangula Uaandja
4. Ms. Annely Julia Haiphene
5. Mr. Steve Galloway
6. Mr. James Myupe
7. Mr. Michael Mukete

I therefore, congratulate you (the PPP Committee members), on your deserved appointments.

I urge you all to, at all times, be well acquainted and up to date, with the letter and spirit (content and context) of the PPP Act, so as to avoid misunderstandings and misinterpretations that are, injurious to the PPP agenda of the government.

Furthermore, as highlighted by the strategic plan of the Ministry, I encourage you to observe the principles of accessibility, quality of service, transparency, consultation and participation, information, standards, value for money, non – discrimination, accountability, courtesy and helpfulness as you perform your function efficiently and effectively, while meeting your responsibilities and obligations, as prescribed by the Act.

Ladies and Gentlemen, members of the media, the PPP Act and the PPP Committee will commence and come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. We are hopeful that with this, there will be improvements in terms of Governance Structures and the application of the aforementioned principles in the preparation of PPP projects.

I therefore urge all public entities, private sector organizations, and the media to familiarize themselves with the content and objects of the Act, and engage government and public entities in line with the principles of the PPP Act.

**I thank you for your attention**